

THE WEATHER.

[By TELEGRAPH.]
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]ADELONI, THURSDAY.
The weather continues warm and dry.CARCOAR, THURSDAY.
The weather during the past few days has been cool and threatening. A strong wind was blowing to-day. The strong westerly wind has been blowing to-day. The dry weather experienced this month seriously affects farming operations owing to the hard ground. Stockmen are doing all they can to keep their flocks in fair condition. There is every appearance of rain to-night.CLIFTON, THURSDAY.
Heavy rain fell last night and again to-day. More showers are expected. The wind is still blowing with violence. The sea is moderate. Landships in various places on the illawarra line are still moving, but they are being kept well clear of the sea.GOODDOGA, THURSDAY.
The weather has been cool this week, with strong S. and S.E. wind. The rain last week did no good. The grass is still very dry and the frontages are bare.

The Balone has risen about 3 ft. at Surat. No rise is expected in the Culgoa.

MOSFORD, THURSDAY.
During the past 24 hours 250 points of rain have fallen, making the total rainfall for March nearly 25 in.

A strong southerly gale continues, with driving showers. The ground is becoming very wet. There is no appearance of the weather clearing.

GRETA, THURSDAY.
Several heavy showers fell yesterday and to-day. The rain is still falling. The tide rises twice daily.

The weather is still cool, with a gale of wind blowing to-night. The water tables and the roads several weeks ago, but the rain has now raised the roads to 2 in. The large amount of rain at this station in February and March, 1890, the rainfall being in the former month 23 in., 42 points falling in 20 days, and in the latter month 23 in., 35 points falling in 20 days.

It is evident that the weather has been very wet since the beginning of the year. The rainfall at Greta has been 33 in. in the first three months, which is considerably above the average.

KEMPSEY, THURSDAY.
The weather is very stormy and unsettled, and is greatly interfering with corn-pulling and farming operations.KIAMIA, THURSDAY.
Heavy rain fell here almost continuously last night, accompanied by a strong wind. The rain has stopped, but the tide rises twice daily.

The records at the local observatory show that 22 days of the current month have been wet, averaging with the rainfall 1 in. per day. The large amount of rain at this station in February and March, 1890, the rainfall being in the former month 23 in., 42 points falling in 20 days, and in the latter month 23 in., 35 points falling in 20 days.

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LISMORE, THURSDAY.
Slight showers have again fallen to-day. The roads have been very bad, and the tides have risen to the last three nights, indicating that a heavy sea is running along the coast.LYTHGOW, THURSDAY.
The weather has changed to cold during the past few days. This is often a considerable quantity of rain.MILTON, THURSDAY.
Heavy weather has occurred for the past three days. The tides have not risen much. Rain has fallen at night and 24 points fell this morning. It has been raining all day with heavy squalls.MITTAGONG, THURSDAY.
The weather is showery, with a wintry appearance.NEWCASTLE, THURSDAY.
The weather is showery, with a heavy sea outside. Several vessels detained, including the Ruthine, with a cargo of frozen meat. A number of coasting steamers have returned to port via the weather route.TENTERFIELD, THURSDAY.
The Ruthine, for Rockhampton, has just crossed the bar. The ship Hora is still in the offing. The weather is temperature.ROBERTSON, THURSDAY.
Inconstant heavy rain has been falling all day and up to half past 9 this morning, when it ceased. The rain has stopped, but the tides have fallen since 9 a.m. The streams are almost impassable. The creeks are flooded. Two or three inches have fallen during the month. There were only slight falls.WEST MASTHOP, THURSDAY.
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WAGGA CIRCUIT COURT.

THE TUMBERABA MURDER.

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The first of two circuit courts adjourned to be held at Wagga that year was adjourned to the Chancery Court, Sir F. Darley, Mr. Blissett was Crown Prosecutor. There were only three criminal trials at Wagga that year, Sir F. Darley, Mr. Blissett was Crown Prosecutor. The trials were all over. Mr. Blissett was charged with the murder of Sarah Ann Bloomfield, a married woman, who was found dead in her bed on the night of the 3rd February. Mr. L. Whifford, instructed by Mr. H. M. Davis, defended the accused, who, in reply to the Judge's address, said, "I am not fit to be tried." Not guilty.

No difficulty was experienced in summing up. The trial was adjourned to the next day.

Constable Donaldson, stationed at Tambo, reached Bloomfield from that place. Acting upon information he received, he followed his wife to Wagga, and found the accused had the letter told him if he had been to Bloomfield's house. The accused said, "Yes, why, she was there. I live there, but I didn't think she was there." The constable said, "I had been shot." The accused said, "Oh, my God, I didn't think she was dead. I went to have a row with her, and she shot me. She arrested the constable, who replied that he did not intend to shoot her. He considered that it was gunpowder he had shot the constable. The constable asked the constable if he wanted to shoot him if he had been to Bloomfield's house. The accused said, "Yes, why, she was there. I live there, but I didn't think she was there."

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING.
In the Stock and Share market to-day there was very little business. The Melbourne banks are now quoted at a small discount from the quotations of the week. On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: Commercial Bank of Australia, £16 8s 6d; Federal Bank, 42s, 43s 6d, 38s; Bank of New Zealand, Sydney register, 93s. At 4 o'clock: Toots' Brothers, 165s 6d. Closing quotations were:—

BANKS.

Buyer, Seller.	Buyer, Seller.
Jan. 1. Stock — 20s	New South Wales — 7d
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Jan. 1. All-land Regt — 7d	Port Jackson — 7d
Jan. 1. B. & G. — 6d	Port Jackson — 6d
N. S. Wales — 6d	Union — 6d

STEAMERS.

Sulman Ferry 12s	Newcastle — 1s
Jan. 1. North Coast — 1s	Port Jackson — 1s
N. S. Ferry 24s	Port Jackson — 1s
Austl. Mutual 12s	2s Pacific — 1s
C. M. F. 12s	United — 1s

GAS.

Austl. Gaslight 12s	Marilyn — 1s
Jan. 1. North Shore — 1s	Port Jackson — 1s
New Goulburn	Port Jackson — 1s

BRICKWORKERS.

Australian 20	Cast Irons and Wood
Marshall's 16	Wood Rail 19
Toots' 16	Wood Rail 19
Monte de Pista 21	Wood Rail 19
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LAND AND BUILDING.

Austl. Australia	London Poms — 1/1
5% paid	20% London Poms — 1/1
Commercial	20% London Poms — 1/1
Monte de Pista	20% London Poms — 1/1

On the Stock Exchange there was no business reported to-day.

The following are the closing quotations, except for the new issues, of the stocks of the Sydney Stock Exchange published above:—Wall Street, seller 13s 5d; North Shore, seller 12s 9d; City Mutual, seller 12s 9d; North Shore, seller 12s 9d; City Mutual, seller 12s 9d; Castlemaine and West Bros., Brewery, seller 12s 9d; Hobart, seller 12s 9d; Sydney Permanent Building, seller 12s 9d; Sydney Permanent Building, seller 12s 9d; Sydney Permanent Building, seller 12s 9d.

The Directors of the Commercial Agency, Trading, and Banking Company have decided to make a special arrangement with the stock exchange brokers and depositaries on the 15th and 16th April. Proposals are then to be submitted of such a nature, it is said, as to permit of the resumption of business and of payments being made on account at short intervals. The company was formed in 1890, the chairman being F. J. T. Toots, and the full-up capital £60,000, and a further sum of £10,000 available. Liabilities to the public amount to £97,185, including £17,078 of deposits, less of contingent liabilities. The assets amount to £1,255, comprised bills under discount, £1,000; cash, £100; and so on. The figures were sent out at the statement of the manager, that the assets are considerably in excess of the liabilities to the public. The last published report stated that arrangements were being made for an issue of shares in a continental city of Europe. Those are an office of the company at Newcastle.

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Total	£476,777	£1,261,445
For the above period is £1,278,176 1d, or 10% more than for the same period in 1891.		
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The imports to-day to-day activity was nil, but distributing houses also had no effect on the opening demand of the quarter, although there was no very remarkable feature in either the import or the distribution trade. Flour is moving off at a slow rate. In his financial report for the outgoing mail, Mr. F. Wright, of Adelaide, was 14d to 16d per bushel in shipping parcels. The farmers had been holding back their wheat in expectation of better prices, but were realising the mistake they had made, as there had been a fall of 20 per cent. in the price of wheat in the month of March, within two months. The calculation total now available for export in Victoria is 95,000, and the South Australian surplus is probably now about 160,000 to 180,000 tons, including the quantity brought over from last season. As to the preparation for next year, Mr. F. Wright reports for the outgoing London mail:—

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